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Letter dated 27 June 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a statement by the European Union on the bomb attack in Saudi Arabia, issued on 26 June 1996.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 33 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

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Statement by the European Union on the bomb attack in Saudi Arabia, issued on 26 June 1996

The European Union has learned with horror and indignation the news of the terrorist attack on the American headquarters in Dahran, in which so many people lost their lives or were wounded, criminally carried out when Secretary of State Warren Christopher is engaged in a new, delicate peace mission in the region.

This attack is the last wave of a tragic chain of hostile criminal acts perpetrated against those who serve in favour of peace in the Middle East.

In expressing its condolences to the relatives of the victims, the European Union wishes to reaffirm, as solemnly reiterated at the recent meeting of the European Council in Florence, its absolute condemnation of the scourge of terrorism and political violence and its continuing support for stabilization and peace-building in the Middle East.